Kellerman, Johathan

Alex Delaware, psychologist-sleuth Evidence Therapy

McCall Smith, Alexander

Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's first female detective The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Limpopo Academy of Private Detection

McKevett, G.A.

Savannah Reid, owner of the Moonlight Magnolia Detective Agency Killer Gourmet Buried in Buttercream

Mosley, Walter

Easy Rawlins, black detective, 1950's Los Angeles Bad Boy Brawly Brown Charcoal Joe

Muller, Marcia

Sharon McCone, P.I., San Francisco Pennies on Dead Woman's Eyes Trophies and Dead Things

Paretsky, Sara

V.I. Warshawski, private detective, Chicago Fire Sale Critical Mass

Parker, Robert

Spenser, private eye, Boston Hugger Mugger Rough Weather

Perry, Anne

William Monk, former police officer, Victorian England Acceptable Loss Execution Dock

Reichs, Kathleen

Temperance Brennan, forensic anthropologist, Montreal and North Carolina Break No Bones Flash and Bones

Shelton, Paige

Becca Robins, who makes jam on her farm and sells at her twin sister Alison's farmers market, in rural South Carolina, Farm Fresh Murder Crops and Robbers

Stabenow, Dana

Kate Shugak, private investigator, Alaska Restless in the Grave (LP) Fatal Thaw

Stout, Rex

Nero Wolfe, detective, New York Death of a Doxy Archie in the Crosshairs



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Barr, Nevada

Anna Pigeon, law enforcement park ranger
The Rope (LP)
Borderline

Block, Lawrence

Matthew Scudder, unlicensed P.I., New York A Drop of the Hard Stuff Eight Million Ways to Die

Burdett, John

Sonchai Jitpleecheep, police detective in Bangkok, Thailand Bangkok Haunts Vulture Peak

Butcher, Jim

Harry Dresden, wizard for hire, Chicago Skin Game Side Jobs

Clark, Carol Higgins

Regan Reilly, private investigator, L.A. Wrecked Twanged



Craig, Philip

Jeff Jackson, retired cop, Martha's Vineyard Vineyard Stalker Vineyard Chill

Crais, Robert

Elvis Cole, private investigator, L.A. Chasing Darkness Taken (LP)

Davis, Lindsey

Marcus Didius Falco, private investigator, Ancient Rome 70 A.D. The Iron Hand of Mars Saturnalia

Deaver, Jeffrey

Lincoln Rhyme, quadriplegic forensic expert, New York The Broken Window The Stone Monkey

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

Sherlock Holmes, private detective, 19th century London
The memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
The Hound of the Baskervilles

Emerson, Earl

Thomas Black, private investigator, Seattle Cape Disappointment Catfish Cafe

Evanovich, Janet

Stephanie Plum, bail bond agent, Trenton, New Jersey One for the Money Two for the Dough

Ford, G.M.

Leo Waterman, private eye, Seattle,
Washington
Last Ditch
Chump Change

Friedman, Kinky

Kinky Friedman, P.I., New York Meanwhile Back at the Ranch Kill Two Birds & Get Stoned

Grafton, Sue

Kinsey Millhone, private detective, Santa Teresa, CA A is for Alibi B is for Burglar

Greenwood, Kerry

The Hon. Phryne Fisher, socialite and private eye, 1920's Melbourne, Australia Cocaine Blues
The Castlemaine Murders

Grippando, James

Jack Swyteck, criminal defense lawyer in Miami, Florida Black Horizon Afraid of the Dark

Haddam, Jane

Gregor Demarkian, retired head of FBI Behavioral Science Unit Living Witness Flowering Judas

Lehane, Dennis

Patrick Kenzie and Angie Gennaro, private investigators, Boston *Moonlight Mile*